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church on Nazis.**

Boston (UPI)—Vatican officials fed, clothed and hid Nazi war criminals in monasteries after World War II, but they did it for the U.S. State Department, which kept the criminals' true identities from the church, a former Justice Department prosecutor charges.

"The Vatican was unwillingly duped by U.S. intelligence agencies," said John Loftus, an attorney with a Brockton law firm who as a Justice Department prosecutor uncovered the Nazi-State Department link in government documents.

"There is absolutely no evidence the Pope knowingly sanctioned a program to smuggle Nazis out," he said.